

## **Eligible Applicant Documentation (Attachment 2)**

### **Sunset Gap Seawater Intrusion Assessment**

The following are the questions and Orange County Water District's responses included in DWR's Proposal Solicitation and Application Package:

- Is the applicant a local public agency as defined in CWC 10701(a)? Please explain.

The Orange County Water District (OCWD) is a local agency as defined in CWC 10701(a). Specifically, OCWD is an independent special district that manages the groundwater basin for underlying north and central Orange County for the public benefit. OCWD has 10 Directors – 7 elected directors, and 3 appointed by the cities of Santa Ana, Fullerton and Anaheim – that represent the interests of approximately 2.4 million residents in north and central Orange County.

- What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?

OCWD is a special district formed in 1933 by an act of the California Legislature, the "Orange County Water District Act" (attached). OCWD was created to protect Orange County's rights to Santa Ana River water and to manage the vast groundwater basin that provides most of the water demand for the residents in north and central Orange County.

- Does the applicant have the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?

Yes. The Orange County Water District has the legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California, per the Constitution of the State of California and the Orange County Water District Act.

- Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.

Not applicable. Orange County Water District does not have a partner agency or organization that ensures performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.